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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## 2011 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Enclosed is a summary of bills introduced in the 2011 legislative session that impact local government. The summary includes a brief description and final status of all bills, divided into five main categories: Land Use and Housing; Local Government Finance; Local Powers and Duties; Open Meetings & Conflict of Interest; and, Special Districts. For quick and easy reference, please see the table of contents in the front of this document or the index located at the end.

Bills marked with an asterisk (\*) were amended and subsequently utilized as vehicles for other bill proposals, some of which stayed within the Committee's jurisdiction. Bills marked with a double asterisk (\*\*) are related to the topic areas of this Committee, but were not referred to the Committee.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Smyth', written in a cursive style.

Cameron Smyth, Chair

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### LAND USE AND HOUSING

**AB 14 (Wieckowski)      Redevelopment: Fremont Redevelopment Agency.**

Would authorize the Fremont Redevelopment Agency to adopt a redevelopment plan for a project area encompassing or surrounding the New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. automobile manufacturing plant and the Warm Springs Bay Area Rapid Transit station and would establish alternative conditions that cause blight for the purpose of adopting the plan.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

**AB 31 (Beall)              Land use: high speed rail: local master plans.**

Would establish the High-Speed Rail Local Master Plan Pilot Program, applicable to specified cities and counties, and would authorize each of those jurisdictions to prepare and adopt, by ordinance, a master plan for development in the areas surrounding the high-speed rail system in each jurisdiction. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Transportation. In Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 49 (Gatto)              Development: expedited review process.**

Would recreate the Office of Permit Assistance under the Governor's Office of Planning and Research in order to help facilitate state and local level review of commercial and industrial development projects. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Natural Resources. In Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 147 (Dickinson)      Subdivisions.**

Authorizes a local ordinance to require the payment of a fee subject to the Mitigation Fee Act, as a condition of approval of a final map or as a condition of issuing a building permit for purposes of defraying the actual or estimated cost of constructing other transportation facilities.

**Status:** **Chapter 228, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 208 (Fuentes)              Land use: subdivision maps: expiration dates.**

Extends the expiration date by 24 months for specified subdivision maps that will expire on or before January 1, 2014, and for any legislative, administrative or other approval by a state agency relating to a development project in the subdivision.

**Status:** **Chapter 88, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 330 (Norby)                      Local agencies: redevelopment.**

Would establish a specified procedure by which the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Attorney General, and the courts would handle major audit violations.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Committee on Housing and Community Development: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 342 (Atkins)                      Office of Planning and Research.**

Would require the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) to serve as the state's liaison with the United States Department of Defense in order to facilitate coordination regarding issues that are of significant interest to the department and requires OPR to perform specified duties in this capacity. **Status:** *Ordered to Senate Third Reading. Ordered to Inactive File at the request of Senator Liu.*

**AB 343 (Atkins)                      Redevelopment plans: environmental goals.**

Would require every redevelopment plan to consider and identify strategies for how redevelopment projects will help attain climate, air quality and energy conservation goals identified in SB 375 (Steinberg), Chapter 728 of Statutes of 2008, or the applicable regional greenhouse gas emission reductions targets. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 418 (Ammiano)                      Tidelands/submerged lands: City/County of San Francisco: Pier 70.**

Authorizes the State Lands Commission to approve and effectuate a land exchange involving public trust lands within the Pier 70 area in San Francisco for the purpose of facilitating the Port of San Francisco's redevelopment plans; Frees the public trust restrictions from Seawall Lot 330 in San Francisco and authorizes the transfer of the property to a private party.

**Status:** **Chapter 477, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 441 (Monning)                      State planning.**

Would require the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to include health issues in guidelines promulgated by CTC for the preparation of regional transportation plans.

**Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 445 (Carter)                      Redevelopment.**

Would require that an agency, despite proposed changes to redevelopment law in the state budget, shall continue in full force and effect with respect to a military base reuse project under the jurisdiction of that agency, as specified. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

**AB 484 (Alejo)                      Land use: natural resources: transfer of long-term management funds.**

Would clarify that funds set aside for the long-term management of mitigation lands conveyed to a nonprofit organization may also be conveyed to the nonprofit, and authorizes the nonprofit to hold, manage, invest, and disburse the funds for management and stewardship of the land or easement for which the funds were set aside. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 485 (Ma)                      Infrastructure financing.**

Would allow local officials to divert property tax increment revenues to pay for public facilities and amenities within transit village development districts. **Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File at the request of Senator Wolk.*

**AB 502 (Bonilla)                      Land use: general plan: housing element.**

Would authorize Contra Costa County and the City of Concord to establish the Concord Naval Weapons Station Reuse Authority to plan for, finance, and manage the transition of the property formerly known as the Concord Naval Weapons Station from military to civilian use.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**AB 542 (Allen)                      Land use: housing element: regional housing need.**

Would allow a county, in its determination of whether sites included in the county's inventory of land can accommodate some of its share of the regional housing need, to use densities less than existing law to accommodate lower-income households, in specified circumstances.

**Status:** *In Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 602 (Olsen)                      Local government: housing.**

Would, commencing January 1, 2012, until January 1, 2017, authorize any local government that has received a confirmation of compliance from the Department of Housing and Community Development, and that updates its housing element not more than every five years, to delay until the next scheduled revision date a revision to that local government's housing element, as specified. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Committee on Housing and Community Development: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 679 (Allen)                      Land use: housing element.**

Would allow Napa County, until October 31, 2022, to meet up to 15% of its existing share of the regional housing need for lower-income households by committing funds for the construction of affordable housing units, and constructing those units in one or more cities within the county, if specified conditions are met. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 710 (Skinner)                      Local planning: infill and transit-oriented development.**

Would establish minimum parking standards for new transit-oriented development.

**Status:** *Ordered to Senate third reading. Read third time. Refused passage.*

**AB 781 (John A. Pérez) Preservation of lands: open-space subventions. \***

Would authorize a city, county, or city and county to accept contributions from public and private entities to compensate for a reduction in state subvention payments for the Williamson Act. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Hearing postponed by committee.*

**AB 781 (John A. Pérez) Local government: counties: unincorporated areas.**

Would provide the affected county of a city that is to be disincorporated, pursuant to pending legislation, an opportunity not to disincorporate the city if the county finds based on evidence in the record that specified financial difficulties exist in the city; would provide that upon disincorporation a community services district is formed in order to provide specified services to the territory of the disincorporated city; and, would detail some of the specific actions the affected county may take upon disincorporation of the city. **Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File at the request of Senator Wolk.*

**AB 936 (Hueso) Redevelopment: debt forgiveness.**

Requires a public body or a redevelopment agency to adopt a resolution prior to forgiving a loan, advance, or indebtedness.

**Status:** **Chapter 226, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 1103 (Huffman) Land use: housing element.**

Adds units on foreclosed property to the types of existing units a local government can count towards meeting housing element obligations if the local government provides funding to make the units affordable to low- and very low-income households for at least 40 years.

**Status:** **Chapter 210, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 1170 (Alejo) Redevelopment Agency of the City of Watsonville: Manabe-Ow Site.**

Would authorize the planning commission or city council of the City of Watsonville to amend a specified preliminary plan and redevelopment plan, respectively, to add described territory, known as the Manabe-Berstrom Site, currently referred to as the Manabe-Ow site.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government.*

**AB 1198 (Norby) Land use: housing element: regional housing need assessment.**

Would repeal the requirement that the Department of Housing and Community Development determine the existing and projected need for housing for each region, as specified, and other provisions relating to the assessment or allocation of regional housing need. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Committee on Housing and Community Development: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 1216 (Fuentes) Land use: notice of proposed change: assisted housing developments.**

Would have given tenants and affected public entities the ability to enforce the provisions of law requiring owners of assisted housing developments to give affordable housing developers and others the right to make an offer to purchase the development in order to preserve its affordability when the owner does not intend to extend or renew participation in a subsidy program.

**Status:** **Vetoed**

**AB 1220 (Alejo) Land use and planning: cause of actions: time limitations.**

Would have allowed an entity in support of affordable housing to challenge a housing element or certain city or county housing ordinances within three years of adoption.

**Status: Vetoed**

**AB 1234 (Norby) Redevelopment agencies: financing.**

Would prohibit redevelopment agencies from using specified revenue for the promotion, recruitment, or retention of any professional sports team, or any related activity, as defined or for the development, planning, design, site acquisition, subdivision, financing, leasing, construction, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure, as defined, related to the occupancy, recruitment, or retention of any professional sports team. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development. In Committee on Local Government: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 1265 (Nielsen) Local government: Williamson Act.**

Authorizes a county, until January 1, 2015, in any fiscal year in which payments authorized for reimbursement to a county for lost revenue from Williamson Act contracts is less than one-half of the county's actual foregone general fund property tax revenue, to revise the terms for new contracts.

**Status: Chapter 90, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 1266 (Nielsen) Local government: Williamson Act: agricultural preserves: advisory board.**

Would specify matters on which Williamson Act advisory boards may advise the legislative body of a city or county. **Status:** *From Senate Consent Calendar. Ordered to third reading. Ordered to Inactive File at the request of Senator La Malfa.*

**AB 1317 (Norby) Community development: plan consistency.**

Would require, in addition to consistency with the general plan, that the plan be consistent with any specific plan for which the community has adopted for the same territory. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Housing and Community Development and Local Government. In Committee on Housing and Community Development: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 1338 (Hernández) Redevelopment.**

Requires, on or after January 1, 2012, a redevelopment agency (RDA) obtain an appraisal from a qualified independent appraiser to determine the fair market value of property before the RDA acquires or purchases property.

**Status: Chapter 299, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 152 (Pavley) Public lands: general leasing law: littoral landowners.**

Requires the State Lands commission to charge rent for a private recreational pier constructed on state lands.

**Status: Chapter 585, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 226 (Simitian)      Land use planning.**

Revises the scoping procedure, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), by authorizing referral of a proposed action to adopt or substantially amend a general plan to a city or county to be conducted concurrently with a scoping meeting and establishes exemption and limits to environmental review under CEQA for specific projects and provides that the thermal power plant certification process will be applicable to owners or specific proposed solar thermal power plants who are proposing to convert the facility from solar thermal to photovoltaic technologies.

**Status: Chapter 469, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 244 (Wolk)      Land use: general plan: disadvantaged unincorporated communities.**

Requires cities, counties, and local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs) to plan for disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

**Status: Chapter 513, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 267 (Rubio)      Water supply planning: renewable energy plants.**

Excludes a proposed photovoltaic or wind energy generation facility approved on or after the effective date of this measure from the definition of a "project" subject to a water supply assessment if the facility would demand no more than 75 acre feet of water annually.

**Status: Chapter 588, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 310 (Hancock)      Local development.**

Allows cities and counties to create incentives for transit priority projects.

**Status: Chapter 446, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 436 (Kehoe)      Land use: mitigation lands: nonprofit organizations.**

Authorizes a state or local agency to allow a qualified and approved nonprofit organization or special district to hold property and long-term stewardship funds to mitigate adverse impacts to natural resources caused by a permitted development project.

**Status: Chapter 590, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 469 (Vargas)      Land use: development project review: superstores.**

Would have required a city or county to prepare economic impact reports before it approves or disapproves the construction or conversion of superstore retailers.

**Status: Vetoed**

**SB 551 (DeSaulnier)      State property: tidelands transfer: City of Pittsburg.**

Repeals the 2006 public trust grant made to the City of Pittsburg and makes a new grant that includes the lands from the 2006 grant as well as lands annexed to the City in 2009.

**Status: Chapter 422, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 618 (Wolk)      Local government: Williamson Act: solar-use easement.**

Allows a city or county and a landowner to concurrently rescind a Williamson Act contract on marginally productive or physically impaired lands and enter into a solar-use easement that restricts the use of land to photovoltaic solar facilities.

**Status: Chapter 596, Statutes of 2011**



**SB 668 (Evans)                      Local government: Williamson Act.**

Allows a city or county, in order to compensate for a reduction in state subvention payments for the Williamson Act, to accept contributions from a nonprofit, a land-trust organization, a nonprofit entity, or a public agency for specific land that is under a Williamson Act contract to supplement the city or county's foregone property tax revenues.

**Status: Chapter 254, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 847 (Correa)                      Medical Marijuana Program: zoning restrictions: residential use.**

Would have prohibited any medical marijuana (MM) entity that possesses, cultivates, or distributes MM from locating within 600 feet of a residential area unless a local ordinance has been adopted to specifically regulate the location of these entities in relation to residential use.

**Status: Vetoed**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE**

**AB 68 (Beall)                      Tax Equity Allocation formula: County of Santa Clara.**

Would modify property tax allocations for several Tax Equity Allocation cities in Santa Clara County. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 162 (Smyth)                      Local government: financial reports.**

Would require that if an audit of a local agency reveals certain financial irregularities, the findings be sent separately to the Controller immediately after the audit has been concluded.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**AB 187 (Lara and Smyth)      State Auditor: audits: high-risk local government agency audit program. \*\***

Authorizes the State Auditor to establish a high-risk local government agency audit program to identify, audit, and issue reports on any local government agency, including any city, county, or special district, or any publicly created entity that the State Auditor identifies as being at high risk for the potential of waste, fraud, abuse or mismanagement or that has major challenges associated with its economy, efficiency, or effectiveness.

**Status: Chapter 451, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 191 (Bill Berryhill)      Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: negative sum counties.**

Would revise property tax allocations for "negative sum" counties in order to provide fiscal relief to those counties. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 229 (Lara)                      The Controller: audits. \***

Would expand the State Controller's oversight over local government auditing practices.

**Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governmental Organization: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 253 (Smyth)                      Local agencies: accounting.**

Would establish the Committee on City Accounting Procedures, would specify the membership of the Committee, and would require the State Controller in consultation with the Committee to prescribe uniform accounting and reporting procedures for cities. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 276 (Alejo)                      Local government: financial reports. \***

Would increase penalties for local agencies, including specified joint powers agencies, that fail to file their annual financial transaction reports with the California State Controller's Office in a timely manner, and would make other specified changes to local agency financial reporting requirements. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 468 (Smyth)                      Property taxes: TEA formula allocation: maintenance or improvement districts: City of Simi Valley.**

Clarifies how property taxes will be distributed to the City of Simi Valley once the City becomes the successor agency after the dissolution of the City's maintenance district.

**Status:** **Chapter 319, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 506 (Wieckowski)              Local government: bankruptcy: neutral evaluation.**

Authorizes a local government to petition for bankruptcy protection if it either participates in a neutral evaluation process or declares a fiscal emergency.

**Status:** **Chapter 675, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 737 (Huber)                      Local agencies: benefit assessments.**

Would authorize any local agency levying a benefit assessment pursuant to this act to bring an action to determine the validity of the assessment pursuant to specified provisions of existing laws relating to validating proceedings. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**AB 866 (Yamada)                      Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: county of the 28<sup>th</sup> class.**

Would enact property tax relief provisions for Yolo County. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 1032 (Mansoor)                  Community facilities districts: financing.**

Would provide that projects funded entirely with private funds are not subject to the wage requirements for public works projects. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 1045 (Norby)                      Local government: bonds.**

Would prohibit a local agency from entering into a financial advisory, legal advisory, underwriting, or other similar relationship with an individual or firm, with respect to a bond issue that requires voter approval on or after January 1, 2012, if that individual or firm, or an

employee, agent or person related to an employee or agent of the individual or firm, provided or will provide bond campaign services to the bond campaign. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.*

**AB 1086 (Wieckowski) Transactions and use taxes: County of Alameda.**

Allows Alameda County to adopt an ordinance to impose a transactions and use tax not to exceed 0.5% for specified purposes that would, in combination with other taxes, exceed the statutory limit of 2%.

**Status:** Chapter 327, Statutes of 2011

**AB 1143 (Dickinson) Sacramento Regional Transit District: bonds.**

Expands the Sacramento Regional Transit District's authority to issue revenue bonds.

**Status:** Chapter 537, Statutes of 2011

**AB 1287 (Buchanan) Local government: audits.**

Would require cities, counties, special districts, authorities, or public agencies, to comply with General Accounting Office standards for financial and compliance audits and would prohibit an independent auditor from engaging in financial compliance audits unless, within three years of commencing the first of the audits, and every three years thereafter, the auditor completes a quality control review in accordance with General Accounting Office standards.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**AB 1340 (Lara) City of Bell: Sanitation and Sewerage System District: unlawful increases and charges.**

Would require the Sanitation and Sewerage System District in the City of Bell to return all funds attributable to unlawful increases in assessment rates approved and charged during the fiscal years 2007 to 2010, inclusive, to those residents affected by those unlawful increases.

**Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 1350 (Lara) Property taxation: override rates: validation by auditor.**

Establishes new duties for county auditors, beginning January 1, 2012, to verify that property tax rates increased or extended by a jurisdiction for specified purposes do not exceed rates authorized by existing law.

**Status:** Chapter 428, Statutes of 2011

**AB 1352 (Logue) Taxation: vehicle license fees.**

Provides that specified vehicle license fee revenues deposited into the Local Revenue Fund of 2011 for local law enforcement realignment purposes would not be subject to expenditure requirements of a local ordinance in Nevada County.

**Status:** Chapter 735, Statutes of 2011

**ACA 4 (Blumenfield) Local government financing: voter approval.**

Would amend the California Constitution to allow a city, county, or special district, as defined, to incur bonded indebtedness in order to fund specified public improvements and facilities, with

55% voter approval of that city, county or special district. **Status:** *Ordered to Assembly Inactive File at the request of Assembly Member Blumenfield.*

**ACA 17 (Logue) State-mandated local programs.**

Would apply the existing requirement that the Legislature either appropriate the full payable amount of a mandate or suspend the mandate only through the 2011-12 fiscal year and would prohibit the Legislature or a state agency from mandating a new program or higher level of service on any local government, except as specified, unless the local government is reimbursed for the costs of that new program or higher level of service. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**ACA 18 (Swanson) Taxation: parcel tax.**

Would condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax by a city or county for the purpose of funding the maintenance or improvement of fire protection services or police protection services, or both, upon the approval of a majority of its voters voting on the proposition. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Revenue and Taxation.*

**ABx1 24 (Blumenfield) State responsibility areas: fire protection fees. \*\***

Would have provided for a fire protection fee to pay, in part, for the private benefits conferred upon property owners in State Responsibility Areas. **Status:** *From Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review without further action.*

**ABx1 26 (Blumenfield) Community development. \*\***

Makes various changes to state laws to implement provisions relating to redevelopment in the 2011-12 budget agreement and is the first of two budget trailer bills that address redevelopment agencies (RDAs). This bill eliminates redevelopment agencies and directs the resolution of their activities.

**Status:** **Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011-12 First Extraordinary Session**

**ABx1 27 (Blumenfield) Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program. \*\***

Makes various changes to state laws to implement provisions relating to redevelopment in the 2011-12 Budget Act and is the second of two budget trailer bills that address RDAs. This bill creates an Alternative Voluntary Redevelopment Program for cities or counties to opt into.

**Status:** **Chapter 6, Statutes of 2011-12 First Extraordinary Session**

**ABx1 43 (Solorio) Local government finance: vehicle license fee adjustments: County of Orange. \*\***

Would have increased, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, the vehicle license fee (VLF) adjustment amount for the County of Orange by \$48 million and would have required this increase to be included in the calculation of the VLF adjustment amount for that county for each year thereafter, so long as certain conditions are met. **Status:** *From Senate Committee on Rules without further action.*

**ABx1 44 (Calderon) Local government finance: VLF revenues: allocations. \*\***

Would have provided, until July 1, 2017, any city formed by application for incorporation prior to July 1, 2011, as provided, to be allocated an amount of VLF revenues that would otherwise have been allocated to that city pursuant to a specified provision prior to its amendment, as specified. **Status:** *Died at Assembly Desk.*

**SB 89 (Budget and Fiscal Review) Vehicles: vehicle license fee and registration fee. \*\***

Makes various changes with respect to the motor VLF revenue allocation and cost-sharing of Department of Motor Vehicles' administrative expenses.

**Status:** **Chapter 35, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 186 (Kehoe) The Controller.**

Would expand, until January 1, 2017, the State Controller's authority to perform audits or investigations of counties, cities, special districts, joint powers authorities, and redevelopment agencies, if the State Controller has reason to believe, supported by documentation, that a local government is violating specified financial requirements. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee. Reconsideration granted.*

**SB 191 (Governance and Finance Committee) First Validating Act of 2011.**

Would enact the First Validating Act of 2011, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, and other public bodies, excluding redevelopment agencies.

**Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File by Senator Wolk.*

**SB 192 (Governance and Finance Committee) Second Validating Act of 2011.**

Would enact the Second Validating Act of 2011, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, and other public bodies, excluding redevelopment agencies.

**Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File by Senator Wolk.*

**SB 193 (Governance and Finance Committee) Third Validating Act of 2011.**

Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2011, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts, school districts, and other public bodies, excluding redevelopment agencies.

**Status:** **Chapter 303, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 223 (Leno) Voter-approved local assessment: vehicles.**

Would have enacted the Local Assessment Act, which would have authorized the City and County of San Francisco to place on the ballot a measure to impose an additional assessment on vehicles owned by residents of that City and County.

**Status:** **Vetoed**

**SB 449 (Pavley) Controller: local agency financial review.**

Would authorize the State Controller, if sufficient funds are available, to review the finances of cities, counties, special districts, and redevelopment agencies, and would allow the Controller to convene a local agency financial review committee to provide assistance to local agencies that

seek help in averting or managing a financial problem. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee. Reconsideration granted.*

**SB 536 (DeSaulnier) Property tax revenue allocations: public utilities: qualified property: City of Oakley.**

Revises property tax formulas to allocate property tax revenues from a proposed public utility power plant in Contra Costa County to benefit the City of Oakley.

**Status:** Chapter 710, Statutes of 2011

**SB 555 (Hancock) Local government: community facilities districts.**

Adds the acquisition, installation, and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy improvements that are affixed to the types of facilities that a community facilities district may finance, or refinance, regardless of whether the buildings or property are privately or publicly owned.

**Status:** Chapter 493, Statutes of 2011

**SB 911 (De Leon) Local agency bonds: report.**

Would require, after January 1, 2012, that the annual report filed by the chief fiscal officer of a bond-issuers local agency must be filed within 60 days of the end of an agency's fiscal year and would require a local government that issues voter-approved bonds in excess of \$5,000 to make the specified detailed information available to any individual who requests it.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**SB 947 (Governance and Finance Committee) Property taxation.**

Makes various non-controversial changes to property tax collection laws.

**Status:** Chapter 351, Statutes of 2011

**SB 948 (Governance and Finance Committee) Property taxation.**

Makes changes to property tax collection laws.

**Status:** Chapter 352, Statutes of 2011

## **LOCAL POWERS AND DUTIES**

**AB 33 (Jeffries) County board of supervisors: vacancy: appointment.**

Would have required the Governor, whenever a vacancy occurs in any board of supervisors, to fill the vacancy or authorize the board to fill the vacancy within 180 days of the vacancy occurring. **Status:** *Failed passage; from Assembly Committee on Local Government without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

**AB 46 (John A. Pérez) Local government: municipal disincorporations.**

Would have established a uniform disincorporation process for any city with a population of less than 150 persons as of January 1, 2010, and would allow that city's respective county board of supervisors to vote to continue the existence of that city within the county's boundaries in certain circumstances. **Status:** *Read third time in Senate. Refused passage.*

**AB 54 (Solorio)                      Drinking water.**

Adds additional requirements on mutual water companies, authorizes a local agency formation commission to include mutual water companies in its municipal service reviews, and provides the California Department of Public Health more guidance regarding issuing Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund money to mutual water companies.

**Status: Chapter 512, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 57 (Beall)                      Metropolitan Transportation Commission.**

Would revise the membership and appointments of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 129 (Beall)                      Local government: fines and penalties: assessments.**

Would have authorized a city or county after notice and public hearing to specially assess and record a notice of lien for any fines or penalties related to ordinance violations constituting a public nuisance or threat to public health and safety on the real property that the fines or penalties are being assessed or recorded on if the owner of the real property fails to pay those fines or penalties after demand by the city or county.

**Status: Vetoed**

**AB 184 (Swanson)                      Contractual assessment programs: seismic safety improvements.**

Expands the authorization that allows public agencies to enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of specified improvements to now include seismic strengthening improvements.

**Status: Chapter 28, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 307 (Nestande)                      Joint powers agreements: public agency: federally recognized Indian tribe.**

Changes the definition of "public agency" for purposes of joint powers agreements to include federally recognized Indian tribes.

**Status: Chapter 266, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 356 (Hill)                      Public works projects: local hiring policies.**

Would prohibit a local agency from mandating any portion or percentage of work on a public works projects from being performed by local residents or persons who reside within particular geographic areas if any portion of that public works projects will take place outside the geographical boundaries of the local agency. **Status:** *Ordered to Assembly Inactive File at the request of Assembly Member Hill.*

**AB 359 (Huffman)                      Groundwater management plans.**

Requires expanded public notification, groundwater recharge mapping, and coordination with local planning agencies in the groundwater management planning process.

**Status: Chapter 572, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 412 (Williams)      Emergency medical services.**

Enacts, for Santa Barbara County only until January 1, 2014, a penalty of \$5 for every \$10 in base fines imposed on criminal offenses and certain vehicle code offenses and provides that the amount collected is to be deposited in a county established Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund.

**Status: Chapter 268, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 438 (Williams)      County free libraries: withdrawal: use of private contractors.**

Imposes requirements, until January 1, 2019, on a city or library district that intends to withdraw from a county free library system and operate libraries with a private contractor.

**Status: Chapter 611, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 486 (Hueso)      Graffiti tracking system: funding. \***

Would require 10% of any amounts received by a city or county with the jurisdiction of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) as part of the recovery of funds used to remove graffiti or other inscribed material from publicly owned or privately owned real or personal property and 10% of any amounts received by a city or county as part of recouping costs associated with defacement by minors of its property and the property of others by graffiti or other inscribed materials to be paid to SANDAG annually for the purpose of funding a graffiti tracking system to be administered by SANDAG. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 529 (Gatto)      Vehicles: speed limits: pilot projects.**

Requires the California Department of Transportation to revise the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as prescribed.

**Status: Chapter 528, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 654 (Hueso)      Local government: historical property.**

Requires historical properties subject to Mills Act contracts, which restrict the use of the property in exchange for lower tax assessment values, to be inspected prior to a new agreement and every five years thereafter; requires that any fee charged by the local agency to administer the program not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the services for which the fee is charged; and, requires local agencies to take actions to enforce the contracts.

**Status: Chapter 278, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 664 (Ammiano)      Infrastructure financing districts: America's Cup district.**

Revises the special statute that controls how local officials can form, finance, and operate an infrastructure financing district along the San Francisco waterfront, at the special waterfront district.

**Status: Chapter 314, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 720 (Hall)      Public contracts: uniform construction cost accounting provisions: alternative procedures.**

Revises the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act road commissioner exemption.

**Status: Chapter 683, Statutes of 2011**



**AB 741 (Huffman)      Onsite wastewater disposal conversion.**

Authorizes a local agency that is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain and operate sanitary sewers and sewerage systems to use, at a property owner's request, construct all necessary plumbing to connect his or her property to the adjoining public sewer system, the cost of which constitutes a lien on the property.

**Status: Chapter 106, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 768 (Gatto)      Male circumcision.**

Precludes any city, county, or city and county from prohibiting or restricting the practice of male circumcision, or the exercise of parental authority to have a child circumcised.

**Status: Chapter 398, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 798 (Chesbro)      Joint powers agreement: public agencies.**

Authorizes Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council to enter into a joint powers agreement (JPA) to participate in the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority, and to also enter into a JPA with Del Norte County, Crescent City, or both, for specified purposes and declares Smith River Rancheria to be a public agency for purposes of that JPA.

**Status: Chapter 85, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 818 (Blumenfield)      Solid waste: multifamily dwellings.**

Requires an owner of a multifamily dwelling (MFD) with five or more living units to arrange for recycling services that are appropriate and available for the MFD, except under specified circumstances.

**Status: Chapter 279, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 834 (Hernández)      Local government: contracts.**

Would require the legislative body of a city, county, or district to review any contract with a total value of \$250,000 or more with a private party that contains an automatic renewal clause on or before the annual date by which the contract may be rescinded. **Status: Passage refused. Reconsideration granted. Ordered to Assembly Inactive File at the request of Assembly Member Roger Hernández.**

**AB 849 (Gatto)      Water: use efficiency: graywater building standards.**

Repeals the authority of a city, county, or other local agency to adopt building standards that prohibit entirely the use of graywater systems and requires that an ordinance enacted regarding graywater standards that are different than statewide standards must include the local climatic, geological, or topographical necessitating the difference.

**Status: Chapter 577, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 910 (Torres)      Infrastructure financing districts: facilities and projects.**

Would authorize an infrastructure financing district to finance affordable housing facilities and economic development projects. **Status: In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.**

**AB 935 (Blumenfield)    Foreclosures: foreclosure mitigation charges.**

Would prohibit a notice of trustee's sale from being accepted for filing with a county recorder until the mortgage servicer pays a foreclosure mitigation charge equaling 5% of the price for which the house was last sold not to exceed \$20,000. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Banking and Finance and Local Government. Assembly Rule 56 suspended (pending re-referral to the Committee on Local Government).*

**AB 946 (Bonnie Lowenthal)    Public contracts: Los Angeles County: regional interoperable communications system.**

Authorizes the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority, a joint powers agency, to procure a regional interoperable communications system by utilizing a solicitation process to award a contract for the design and build out of a regional interoperable communications system and related infrastructure.

**Status: Chapter 400, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 964 (Huffman)    Environmental protection: contamination. \***

Would require financial assistance provided from the State Water Pollution Control Fund for onsite sewer improvements to be provided only for projects for which a public agency has adopted a sewer system management plan that includes a prescribed 10-year plan for sewer upgrades, and requires a public agency receiving financial assistance from the fund for that purpose to report to the board on its progress with respect to developing and implementing a 10-year plan for sewer upgrades. **Status:** *Referred to Senate Committee on Environmental Quality.*

**AB 1008 (Cook)    Vehicles: automated traffic enforcement systems.**

Would prohibit, starting January 1, 2012, a local agency from installing an automated traffic enforcement system, and would require a traffic safety study for those local government agencies already operating an automated traffic enforcement system. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.*

**AB 1027 (Buchanan)    Local publicly owned electric utilities: utility poles and support structures.**

Requires local publicly owned electric utilities, including irrigation districts, to make appropriate space and capacity on and in their utility poles and support structures available for use by cable television corporations, video service providers, and telephone corporations.

**Status: Chapter 580, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 1053 (Gordon)    Local government: penalties and fees.**

Increases fees for death and birth certificate applications and for juveniles receiving public defender services.

**Status: Chapter 402, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 1072 (Fuentes)      Community development: California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative.**

Would establish the California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative in the Governor's Office of Economic Development. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Appropriations: Held under submission.*

**AB 1087 (Brownley)      Cities and counties: public safety services: contracts.**

Would authorize, unless otherwise stipulated in a contract, a county that has a contract to provide a city, including a charter city, with public safety services to require the city to provide a comprehensive fiscal analysis relating to the ability of that city to provide public safety services to its residents, upon a notification from the city of its intent to terminate the contract.

**Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 1121 (Pan)      Dog licensing: issuance: puppy licenses.**

Would have allowed cities and counties to issue puppy licenses and would have specified provisions by which cities and counties could issue those licenses, and would have required pet dealers, rescue groups and other specified entities to submit monthly reports containing information about recently sold or adopted dogs to local jurisdictions.

**Status:** **Vetoed**

**AB 1228 (Halderman)      Public agencies: joint power authorities: meetings.**

Would authorize a joint powers authority (JPA) to adopt a policy or bylaw or include a provision in its joint powers agreement allowing a designated alternate member who is attending in lieu of the appointed member to attend closed sessions of the JPA and for that designated alternate member to disclose to specified people information obtained in a closed session of the JPA that has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, second hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.*

**AB 1309 (Miller)      Public roads: fire suppression.**

Would allow a county board of supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to authorize use of road funds to improve or repair specified roads for purposes of fire suppression. **Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File at the request of Senator Wyland.*

**AB 1344 (Feuer)      Local governance.**

Prohibits, on or after January 2, 2012, any contract executed or renewed between a local agency and an excluded employee from including an automatic renewal of the contract if the contract provides for an automatic increase in compensation that exceeds a cost-of-living adjustment and a maximum cash settlement that exceeds the amounts provided for in statutory provisions governing employment contracts; and, provides more public review when a city is considering placing the adoption of a charter before the voters.

**Status:** **Chapter 692, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 1345 (Lara)                      Local government: boards and councils.**

In the event of the loss of a quorum of city council members due to vacant seats on the city council, would establish a city council appointment committee consisting of any remaining city council members, the city's chief administrative officer, a representative from the county board of supervisors, and as many public members as are required to meet the same number of city council members; and, the city council appointment committee would be authorized to appoint members to fill vacant seats on the city council, and those members would serve the remainder of the term. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**AB 1355 (Lara)                      City officials: standards.**

Would require the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Controller, the Treasurer, and the League of California Cities, to develop and set forth recommendations for minimal educational and certification standards for city clerks, city managers, and city treasurers, whether elected or appointed, and to post those standards on the Secretary of State's Internet Web site.

**Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**AB 1430 (Local Government Committee) Local government: omnibus bill.**

Makes minor, non-controversial changes to the laws affecting local government organization and reorganization.

**Status:** **Chapter 300, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 62 (Liu)                          Local government: Los Angeles County: notice of recordation.**

Authorizes the County of Los Angeles Recorder to notify by mail the party or parties subject to a notice of default or notice of sale, including the occupants of that property, within five days, but in any event no more than 20 days, of recordation.

**Status:** **Chapter 141, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 66 (Vargas)                      Imperial County: registrar of voters.**

Authorizes the County of Imperial to appoint a registrar of voters separate from the county clerk.

**Status:** **Chapter 22, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 112 (Liu)                          State mandates: claiming instructions.**

Requires any amendment of the parameters and guidelines boilerplate language for purposes of state reimbursement of any claim relating to a statute or executive order that does not increase or decrease reimbursable costs to limit the eligible filing period commencing with the fiscal year in which the amended parameters and guidelines were adopted.

**Status:** **Chapter 144, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 194 (Governance and Finance Committee) Local government: omnibus bill.**

Enacts the "Local Government Omnibus Act of 2011" and makes 22 changes to the state laws affecting local agencies' powers and duties.

**Status:** **Chapter 382, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 214 (Wolk)                      Infrastructure financing districts: voter approval: repeal.**  
Would eliminate the requirement of voter approval to create an infrastructure financing district (IFD) and revises the provisions governing the public facilities that may be financed by an IFD.  
**Status:** *Ordered to Assembly Inactive File on request of Assembly Member Ma.*

**SB 446 (Dutton)                      Ontario International Airport.**  
Would establish the Ontario International Airport Authority. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**SB 475 (Wright)                      Infrastructure financing.**  
Would change the statutory authorization for local governmental agencies to utilize private sector financing alone or in concert with public financing, to study, plan, design, construct, develop, finance, maintain, rebuild, improve, repair, or operate, or any combination thereof, fee-producing infrastructure facilities. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee. Reconsideration granted.*

## **OPEN MEETINGS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**AB 23 (Smyth)                      Local agency meetings: simultaneous meetings: compensation disclosure.**  
Requires a member of a legislative body or the clerk to announce, prior to holding a meeting simultaneously or in serial order, during a meeting of a legislative body where the members of the legislative body constitute at least a quorum of the legislative body of the other meeting, how much compensation or stipend the members will receive for the second meeting.  
**Status:** **Chapter 91, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 148 (Smyth)                      Local government: ethics training: disclosure.**  
Would require the Controller to withhold any funds to which a local agency is entitled to until the local agency posts its adopted written attendance compensation policy or adopted written reimbursement policy on the local agency's Internet Web site, if any, and submits a copy of the written policy to the Controller. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 309 (Cook)                      Public officers: removal from office.**  
Requires an appointed or ex officio office to become vacant when the incumbent is debarred, suspended, disqualified, or otherwise excluded from participating in a covered transaction, pursuant to federal law, and certain conditions are met.  
**Status:** **Chapter 543, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 392 (Alejo)                      Ralph M. Brown Act: posting agendas.**  
Would require a local agency to post at least 72 hours before a regular meeting of a legislative body the agenda and applicable staff-generated reports on the local agency's Internet Web site, if any, and, for a local agency without an Internet Web site, requires a local agency to disclose on the physically posted agenda the public location where the local agency makes available any applicable staff-generated reports for public inspection and copying at least 72 hours in advance of the regular meeting. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 527 (Hernández)      Public officials: financial interests.**

Would prohibit state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees from authorizing the expenditure of public funds, or approve or recommend approval of any project, plan, permit, or conveyance of land, regardless of whether a contract is made in furtherance of the expenditure, project, plan, permit, or conveyance, if any member of the body or board is financially interested in the transaction by virtue of independent contracting by the individual or nongovernmental entity receiving either public funds or an entitlement. **Status:** *From Senate Committee on Governmental Organization without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a).*

**AB 582 (Pan)                      Open meetings: local agencies.**

Would require the legislative body of a local agency to publicly notice twice a proposed compensation increase of more than 5% for a city manager, deputy city manager, county chief administrative officer, deputy chief administrative officer, or similar employee. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 706 (Torres)                      Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.**

Renames the Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority to Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority; adds two additional non-voting members to the governing board of the Authority; specifies circumstances under which board members and alternate members of the Authority shall not be considered financially interested; and, exempts board and alternate members from specified incompatible office and incompatible activity statutes.

**Status:** **Chapter 533, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 785 (Mendoza)                      Public officers: contracts: financial interest.**

Would provide that a public official, who is an elected or appointed member of a state or local government agency, has a financial interest in a decision of that agency if an immediate family member of the public official has a financial interest in the decision. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Elections and Redistricting and Local Government. In Committee on Elections and Redistricting: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

## **SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

**AB 256 (Nestande)                      Vector control. \***

Would require the board of trustees to adopt a formal, written response to any irregularities or accounting issues raised in the audit and provide this response to the appointing authority of each member of the board of trustees. The bill would also require the district before it levies special benefit assessments to provide specified notice to the appointing authority. **Status:** *In Assembly Committee on Local Government: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 561 (Gorell)                      Ventura County Watershed Protection District: indebtedness.**

Authorizes the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to participate in state or federal revolving loan programs for district purposes and to issue securitized limited obligation notes.

**Status:** **Chapter 175, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 612 (Gordon) Parks and recreation districts: repayment of indebtedness.**  
Provides that indebtedness that is incurred by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, on or after January 1, 2012, be repaid during a period that does not exceed 30 years.  
**Status: Chapter 104, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 662 (Hueso) San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.**  
Would exempt from the military airport inclusion requirement the preparation, adoption, or amendment by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Authority) of an airport land use compatibility plan for the City of Coronado. The bill would authorize the Authority to include within the plan for the city the area within the jurisdiction of the authority surrounding any military airport. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committee on Local Government.*

**AB 779 (Fletcher) Municipal water districts: oversight.**  
Would authorize a municipal water district to establish an independent oversight committee to assist in tracking and reviewing revenues of the district to advance capital improvements, operations and maintenance of district facilities, and allocation methodologies and would authorize an independent oversight committee to perform specified functions for those purposes. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Water, Parks and Wildlife and Local Government. In Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 781 (John A. Pérez) Local government: counties: unincorporated areas.**  
Would provide the affected county of a city that is to be disincorporated, pursuant to pending legislation, an opportunity not to disincorporate the city if the county finds based on evidence in the record that specified financial difficulties exist in the city; would provide that upon disincorporation a community services district is formed in order to provide specified services to the territory of the disincorporated city; and, would detail some of the specific actions the affected county may take upon disincorporation of the city. **Status:** *Ordered to Senate Inactive File at the request of Senator Wolk.*

**AB 911 (Ma) Police protection districts.**  
Would make various changes to the Police Protection District Act including authorizing a district to adopt ordinances related to specified policies and makes other conforming changes in line with powers and duties given to special districts. **Status:** *In Senate Committee on Governance and Finance: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 912 (Gordon) Local government: organization.**  
Establishes an expedited dissolution process for a district recommended for dissolution by a prior action of a LAFCO, in specified conditions.  
**Status: Chapter 109, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 943 (Williams) Public contracts: California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission: local contracts: alternative procedures.**  
Increases the formal bidding threshold under the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act from \$125,000 to \$175,000.  
**Status: Chapter 110, Statutes of 2011**

**AB 954 (Calderon)      Water replenishment districts.**

Would determine the appropriate water replenishment assessment for each sub basin in the Los Angeles Basin. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Water, Parks and Wildlife. In Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 966 (Yamada)      Public cemetery districts: nonresident burial.**

Allows the Davis Cemetery District to inter, in a specified section of the cemetery, nonresidents who meet a limited set of criteria.

**Status:** Chapter 111, Statutes of 2011

**AB 1036 (Allen)      Parks: regional park, park and open-space, and open-space districts: employee relations.**

Makes changes to the role of a general manager of a Regional Park, Park and Open-Space, or Open-Space District and specifies that the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act applies to all districts.

**Status:** Chapter 581, Statutes of 2011

**AB 1125 (Achadjian)      Public health: County of San Luis Obispo and Los Osos Community Services District.**

Authorizes the County of San Luis Obispo and the Los Osos Community Services District, upon resuming the responsibilities of operating a community wastewater collection and treatment system, to develop a program that would offset the assessments and charges adopted by the county for very low- and low-income households with outside funds, including grants.

**Status:** Chapter 177, Statutes of 2011

**AB 1143 (Dickinson)      Sacramento Regional Transit District: bonds.**

Expands the Sacramento Regional Transit District's authority to issue revenue bonds.

**Status:** Chapter 537, Statutes of 2011

**SB 134 (Corbett)      Health care districts: transfer of assets. \***

Would require healthcare districts to appraise the fair market value of assets that they transfer to other corporations for less than fair market value. **Status:** *Read second time. Ordered to Assembly third reading.*

**SB 170 (Pavley)      Air districts: adverse effects of air pollution: intellectual property.**

Authorizes local and regional air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to sponsor air pollution prevention and mitigation projects, and allows districts to share in revenues generated from the commercialization of intellectual property, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 586, Statutes of 2011

**SB 235 (Negrete McLeod)      Water conservation districts: reduction in number of directors.**

Authorizes a water conservation district with a board consisting of seven directors to reduce the number of directors to five.

**Status:** Chapter 122, Statutes of 2011



**SB 288 (Negrete McLeod) Local government: independent special districts.**

Authorizes the governing board of an independent special district to provide, by resolution, for the establishment of a revolving fund in an amount not to exceed 110% of one-twelfth of the district's adopted budget for that fiscal year.

**Status: Chapter 66, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 325 (Rubio) Central California Railroad Authority.**

Creates the Central California Railroad Authority to provide rail freight service within Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Merced Counties.

**Status: Chapter 234, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 437 (Correa) Orange County Transportation Authority.**

Would limit the terms of certain city members of the Orange County Transportation Authority board of directors. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Transportation and Local Government. In Committee on Transportation: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**SB 644 (Hancock) West Contra Costa Healthcare District.**

Requires all certificates of participation executed and delivered by the West Contra Costa Healthcare District between June 8, 2004, and December 31, 2012, to be secured by a statutory lien on all the revenues generated from a parcel tax passed by district voters in 2004.

**Status: Chapter 742, Statutes of 2011**

**SB 659 (Hernández) San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority: board members.**

Would allow an appointing authority of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, by a majority vote, to remove their member or alternate member of the Authority without cause and at any time prior to the expiration of the member's or alternate member's term of office, and appoint or elect another person as a member or alternate. A person appointed or elected in accordance to this provision, is to meet the qualifications applicable to the office, and shall serve the remaining term of the office. **Status:** *Referred to Assembly Committees on Local Government and Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials. In Committee on Local Government: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

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